Manville Factory
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Mr. J.P.Woodard
Ind. Rels. Dept.
General Headquarters

LOUIS BELLOMO

I am attaching herewith copies of a letter Dr.Fritts wrote to Dr.Lanza and Dr. Lanza's reply, as well as the complete personnel, hospital, and accident record of Louis Bellomo, including two sets of stereoscopic plates and a single one.

This man has just recently been complaining to the doctor of a very great physical distress as a result of his work. As you will notice, Dr.Fritts thought that he had a typical case of Asbestosis, but due to his employment record, he could not find out how this could be possible, since Bellomo apparently had not been exposed to any dust condition. You will note that Dr. Lanza also pronounces this a definite case of Asbestosis, and comments that our records must be wrong in showing that he has not been exposed to asbestos dust. Since these reports of Dr. Lanza and Dr.Fritts, we have found an older employment record, which shows that this employee may have been exposed to asbestos dust prior to 1928. We are also enclosing a tabulation of his experience prior to 1928.

We have a Class A problem on our hands with this employee. He has been out sick, and is not able to do even light work. We have found out that he is entirely out of funds, and has begun to draw on the Credit Corporation for living money. It has been our experience that when men get into this financial condition, they are easy prey for shyster attorneys, and for that reason we feel something should be done to keep him in funds.

Dr.Fritts is continuing to make tests to see if he can throw any further light on this case, and I will advise you later the results of these tests.

This man is only 47 years old, has been with us only 15 years, and in my opinion would establish a rather embarrassing precedent if we should retire him with only 15 years of service. He is not old enough for Old Age Retirement, and we would not dare admit that we are retiring him because of his physical ailment.

I am simply sending you this data for informative reasons, and have no recommendation at this time to make. We will follow up with definite recommendations just as soon as we get anything clear on this case.

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